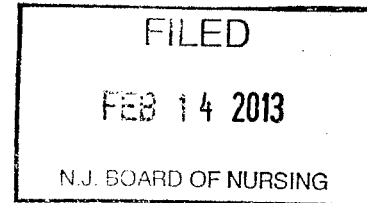


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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :	Administrative Action
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :	
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KARIN BRENNER, R.N. :	ORDER OF SUSPENSION
LICENSE # NO 12088000 :	OF LICENSE
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TO PRACTICE AS A :	
REGISTERED NURSE (R.N.) IN THE :	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (" Board") upon the receipt of information indicating the following;

1. Respondent, Karin Brenner, is the holder of License No. NO 12088000 and is a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey.
2. Respondent entered into a private letter agreement with

the Board, which she signed on or about October 29, 2010.

(Exhibit A) The agreement required respondent to enroll in the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), undergo evaluation and monitoring, agree to follow recommendations by RAMP for further treatment, and to refrain from the use of any and all potentially addictive substances. (Exhibit A, ¶¶ 2, 6, and 10.) The agreement was to have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4. In the event that the Board received reliable information that respondent had acted in violation of the RAMP contract and/or the agreement, the agreement was no longer to remain confidential.

3. In a communication dated December 14, 2012, RAMP's Interim Director advised the Board that respondent was noncompliant RAMP monitoring requirements. (Exhibit B)

4. On or about January 23, 2013, a letter issued by overnight and regular mail to respondent at her address of record, advising respondent that the Board had received credible information indicating that she was not in compliance with the private letter agreement, and advising her to forward within five days any proof that she was currently in compliance with RAMP. The overnight mailing was delivered on January 24, 2013. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. (Exhibit C)

5. The private letter agreement signed by respondent

provided for automatic suspension of respondent's nursing license upon receipt of reliable information indicating that respondent has violated any term of the private letter agreement. (Exhibit A, ¶13)

6. A certification from RAMP's Interim Director dated February 7, 2013 indicates that on October 15, 2012, respondent advised RAMP that she no longer wished to continue her career as a nurse, and since that date respondent has ceased participation in the program. (Exhibit D) RAMP participation is required by the private letter agreement.

Accordingly;

IT IS on this 14th day of February, 2013

HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for her violation of the private letter agreement, which is deemed a violation of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

2. Respondent may, under the terms of the private letter agreement, upon notice, request a hearing on the sole issue of whether respondent has failed to comply with the terms of the private letter agreement.

3. In the event that respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey nursing license at any future time, the Board shall

not entertain any application for reinstatement without respondent's demonstrating that she is in full compliance with the terms and conditions of the private letter agreement and with any agreement with RAMP.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy PhD APN
Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN, C
Board President

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Certified and Regular Mail
Karin M. Brenner
15 Cedarbrook Lane
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

October 18, 2010

Re: Private letter agreement

Dear Ms. Brenner:

**NOT FOR PUBLIC
DISCLOSURE**

The New Jersey Board of Nursing has reviewed information regarding your nursing practice which reveals that you may have problems related to substance abuse that could have affected and/or might subsequently affect your nursing activities. The Board has therefore authorized me to propose to resolve this matter by private letter agreement. However, if this agreement is not promptly returned, signed, this offer may be withdrawn. Moreover this offer of private resolution is premised on the information of which the Board is currently aware, i.e., that the Board was advised by Jersey Shore University Medical Center that you were terminated for diversion of CDS, specifically Percocet; when you were questioned by Medical Center management you admitted to the diversion. In the event that information emerges indicating that the dimensions of the problem are greater than indicated above, or that your conduct results in a criminal conviction, the Board reserves the right, in light of its responsibilities, to take public disciplinary action. Except as indicated above, or if the Board receives reliable information indicating that you have violated this agreement, the Board will shall maintain the confidentiality of this letter agreement.

In order to determine how to finally resolve this matter, the Board requests that you sign this document in order to indicate that you:

1. Agree to undergo a comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluation to be conducted by a qualified mental health evaluator as recommended by the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) within 30 days hereof. Agree that the evaluator shall prepare a report which shall include an evaluation of your mental health condition and substance use history (if any), whether you are able to safely and competently practice nursing, and said report shall include recommendations for further treatment and monitoring, if applicable, including the need for continued

11. Agree that your signature on this agreement shall specifically constitute a waiver of confidentiality of documents and information forwarded by the Board to RAMP and by RAMP to the Board, and received pursuant to this agreement, so as to permit their use in any proceeding regarding your license in the event you violate any provision of this agreement.

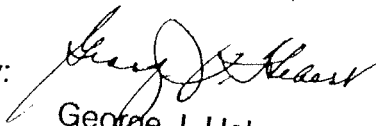
12. Agree that you shall remain in RAMP until successful completion of or release from the program. Agree that unless you have successfully completed RAMP, and received written notification from the Board that you are relieved of the requirements of this letter agreement, you may not modify the conditions of this agreement without submitting a written petition to the Board providing a detailed explanation of the basis for your modification request, and then entering into a new, modified agreement with the Board which may not necessarily be confidential.

13. Agree that any deviation from the terms of this private letter agreement without the prior written consent of the Board shall constitute a failure to comply with the terms of this agreement. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that you have violated any term of this agreement, your nursing license may be automatically suspended by the Board. You may, upon five days notice, request a hearing to contest the entry of such an order. At any such hearing the sole issue shall be whether any of the information received regarding your violation of the agreement was materially false. In addition, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

Upon your forwarding this signed agreement, of which you should retain a copy, to my attention, you should immediately contact Arlene Davis, at (609)883-5335, Extension 35, leaving a message with a telephone number where you may be contacted. In the event that there is no response within 48 hours, you may contact Joanne Cole, RAMP's Director, at (609)883-5335, Extension 34, and leave a message with a contact number. Be prepared to forward a copy of this letter to RAMP. You will be promptly contacted and advised as to how to proceed in order to enroll in RAMP, and to obtain the written evaluation. This agreement and any resulting evaluation shall remain confidential unless you fail to abide by its terms. This agreement shall have the force and effect of a Board Order within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.4.

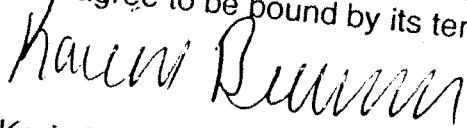
Very truly yours,

By:



George J. Hebert, MA, R.N.
Executive Director

I have read the above agreement
and agree to be bound by its terms.



Karin Brenner
Date

10/29/10

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December 14, 2012

Patricia A. Barnett, RN, JD
Chief Executive Officer
Jamie Smith, RN
Interim RAMP Director

George Hebert, RN, MA
Executive Director
New Jersey Board of Nursing
124 Halsey Street 6th floor
Newark, NJ 07102

RE: Karin Brenner RN # 26N012088000

Dear Mr. Hebert,

This letter is to notify you that Karin Brenner, RAMP participant # 1143 has been noncompliant with her RAMP monitoring requirements. Ms. Brenner signed her private letter agreement on October 29, 2010 and a RAMP Monitoring Agreement was signed on December 21, 2010. She began drug screening on 1/10/11.

On October 15, 2012, Ms. Brenner informed RAMP that she no longer wishes to continue her career as a nurse and ceased participating in program. Since then Ms. Brenner has missed all check ins, testing, group attendance and submission of reports.

Karin Brenner has failed to respond to RAMP's efforts to contact her and become compliant. At this time RAMP cannot assure the BON or the public that she is safe to practice. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or need clarification.

Sincerely,



Jamie Smith MSN, RN
Interim RAMP Director

Cc: Deborah Zuccarelli RN, NJ BON
Nicole Peteet-Davis

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Director

January 23, 2013

By regular and overnight mail
Ms. Karin Brenner
15 Cedarbrook Lane
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 008087

Re: Noncompliance with private letter agreement

Dear Ms. Brenner:

The New Jersey State Board of Nursing is in receipt of credible information advising that you are not in compliance with the private letter agreement that you signed on or about October 29, 2010.

The Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) has notified the Board that you have indicated to RAMP that you advised RAMP on October 15, 2012 that you no longer wish to continue your career as a nurse, and that since that date you have missed all call-ins, testing, and peer group meeting attendance, and have not submitted any required reports.

The private letter agreement that you signed provides for automatic suspension of your nursing license for noncompliance. If the information the Board has received is not accurate, you are advised to forward proofs that you are in compliance with the private letter agreement to my attention within five (5) business days. You may send it to:



January 23, 2013

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You may also fax me at (973)648-3879. You should telephone to verify receipt. Your failure to demonstrate that you are in compliance with the private letter agreement may result in the suspension of your nursing license.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

JEFFREY S. CHIESA
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY

By: *Susan Carboni*
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MS. MARIN DRENNER

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CERTIFICATION
OF JAMIE SMITH

I, Jamie Smith, of full age, certify:

1. I am a registered nurse in the State of New Jersey, and employed as the Interim Director and custodian of the records of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP), with offices at the New Jersey State Nursing Association, 1479 Pennington Road, Trenton, New Jersey 08618. I have been employed in that capacity since January 1, 2011.

2. I have consulted the records used by RAMP in the ordinary course of business and have ascertained that Karin Brenner, R.N., enrolled in RAMP in 2010. On October 15, 2012, Ms. Brenner advised RAMP that she no longer wished to continue her career as a nurse. Since that date she has ceased participating in the program. She no longer calls in daily as required, no longer reports for substance abuse screenings, no longer attends peer group meetings and no longer submits required monthly reports.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true.
I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are
willfully false, I am subject to punishment.



Jamie Smith, R.N.
Interim Director
Recovery and Monitoring Program

Dated: 2/7/13